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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY MADRID

C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 1425

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR MO

SUBJ: LAW OF SEA

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR BAILEY CALLED APRIL 3 TO SAY HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR THAT MOROCCANS WERE SEEKING ESTABLISH RIGHT TO CONTROL SHIPPING THROUGH STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR. BAILEY UNDERSTOOD THIS HAD REFERENCE TO POSITION MOROCCANS WERE PLANNING TO TAKE AT LOS CONFERENCE IN CARACAS. I BRIEFED HIM ON SPANISH AND MOROCCAN ADVOCACY OF INNOCENT PASSAGE DOCTRINE, AND INFORMED HIM OF OUR VARIOUS REPRESENTATIONS TO MOROCCANS ON SUBJECT. HE APPARENTLY UNINSTRUCTED ON MATTER (ALTHOUGH HE HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM LONG LEAVE AND MAY NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF ALL ACTIONS TAKEN DURING HIS ABSENCE BY CHARGE WHO NOW ON EQUALLY LONG LEAVE).

2. THIS RAISES IN OUR MINDS QUESTION WHETHER WE ARE
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MAKING FULL USE OF OUR POTENTIAL ALLIES THIS REGARD.

DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE OBJECTION TO OUR SOUNDING OUT
SOVIETS AS TO WHETHER THEY HAVE MADE DEMARCHE ON
SUBJECT TO MOROCCANS? WHETHER OR NOT WE APPROACH
SOVIETS, SUGGEST BRITISH SHOULD BE URGED TO WEIGH IN
WITH MOROCCANS, IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.
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